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After the first volume was released, I've received lots of responses from anyone ranging from normal readers to quiz aficionados.
I grinned when I heard readers who weren't familiar with competitive quizzes say that they didn't know that there's a world like this.
There's lots of quiz lovers who are waiting for the second coming of the quiz boom as well.
That's my dream. In the future, after the King of Quizzes wins the huge quiz program, he'll say, "I got into competitive quizzes because of this manga (cries)," right? (laugh)

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A story about "competitive quiz clubs"!!
The quiz bowl for the rookies in the four different schools intensifies. Shiki, who barely qualified for the second round, the "buzz-in board" round, is stymied by the wall of "sticky questions." He finds out that competitive quizzes can't be won with knowledge alone---will he be able to unlock his hidden power? And, what will happen to the Buzou High School Quiz Study Group?

In front of Shiki

stands the truth about the world of competitive quizzes!

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Question 5 The Sticky Wall

SHOULD WE CRUSH THEM NOW?
WHAT ARE YOU PLAN-NING TO DO...
BUZOU HIGH, HUH...
THEY SURE CAME PREPARED
EVEN THOUGH IT'S THEIR FIRST TIME PARTICIPATING ...HOW SHAMELESS
YOU REALLY ASK ONLY STICKY QUESTIONS, HUH...
OUT OF THE CORNER OF MY EYE...
I'M SO THANKFUL THAT I CAN EAT THE LUNCH THAT FUKAMI MADE HERSELF!!
POP QUIZ!
"What is the 'so' in the 'sashisuseso' of seasonings?"

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I'M (FORCED INTO) ATTENDING THE QUIZ BOWL ORGANIZED BY THE SEKIGAWATA QUIZ CLUB, AND SOMEHOW PASSED THROUGH THE FIRST ROUND
I'M ADVANCING TO THE NEXT ROUND
KOSHIYAMA, EAT AS MUCH AS YOU WANT, OKAY?
Y-... YES
THESE CROQUETTES ARE GREAT
YES, BUT THOSE WERE JUST MICRO-WAVED
THESE FRIED ONIGIRI ARE ALSO GREAT
THEY WERE ALSO IN-STANT-MADE
Sekigawata
Sasaki
Koshiyama
Miyaura
Mikuriya
0
0
2
3
4
5
6

I'M HAPPY THAT I PASSED, BUT...
.....

I'LL GO OUT TO BUY A DRINK AND GET SOME FRESH AIR
Th-
THANKS FOR THE MEAL
UMMM...

AH, NO, I'M FINE...
YOU HAVEN'T BEEN LOOKING SO WELL. ARE YOU STILL FEELING SICK?

HE...ISN'T PLANNING ON GOING HOME, IS HE?
I...I DON'T THINK SO
.....
INOUE, WHAT HAPPENED TO THE LUNCH YOU BOUGHT?
AL-READY ATE IT
IF HE ISN'T GOING TO EAT THIS, THEN DON'T MIND IF I DO!
もしゃもしゃ
HAH...

"STICKY QUESTIONS"
ARE QUESTIONS THAT YOU FREQUENTLY SEE IN QUIZ BOWLS AND QUESTION SETS
Quiz Championship Official Strategy Book
JUST WHAT
ARE QUIZZES...
Buzz-in Questions
Novice
Q1
Q2
Q3
Q4
Q5
Q6

QUIZZES ARE
UNIVERSAL GAMES THAT EVERYONE KNOWS HOW TO PLAY...
PR...
PRESIDENT SASAJIMA!?

SITTING NEXT TO ME!?
ドカ
IT'S A SIMPLE YET DEEP GAME
YOU ANSWER THE QUESTION THAT'S THERE
DEEP GAME...?
YOU'RE READING A BOOK ON QUIZZES? THAT'S GREAT
'CAUSE THERE'S PLENTY OF THOSE STICKY QUESTIONS THAT I TALKED ABOUT
I JUST BORROWED THIS YESTERDAY AND SKIMMED THROUGH IT TO SEE WHAT KIND OF THING IT IS
I SHOULD REALLY MEMORIZE ALL OF THIS...
BECAUSE IF I DON'T KNOW THE "QUESTIONS",
I CAN'T PRESS, RIGHT?
YOU DON'T SEEM TO BE SATISFIED...
.....

.....
I CAN IMAGINE WHAT YOU WANT TO SAY,
BUT CAN YOU ACTUALLY SAY IT?
D...
DID I MAKE YOU MAD...?
TODAY, EVERYONE LEFT A REALLY DEEP IMPRESSION ON ME...
"What is the word 'Lightning' in Fr-
IT WAS - HOW SHOULD I PUT IT - A BOLT OUT OF THE BLUE...
WHEN I FIRST SAW FUKAMI BUZZ IN,
YOU'RE DISAPPOINTED WITH WHAT YOU FOUND ...HUH
.....
AND TO SAY NOTHING OF "PRESSING FIRST"...
SINCE I DIDN'T THAT THERE WAS SUCH A THING AS A "STANDARD QUESTION",

KOSHI-YAMA...
Toilet for female guests
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
Please conserve water
I'M SURE THAT HE WAS DISAPPOINTED...
EVERYONE IS LIKE THAT
THEY ALL REACT TO HEARING ABOUT "STICKY QUESTIONS"
EH--- REALLY
WHAT ---
I THOUGHT THAT IT WAS ALL ABOUT SMARTS---
AS IF IT'S SOME SORT OF "TRICK"...

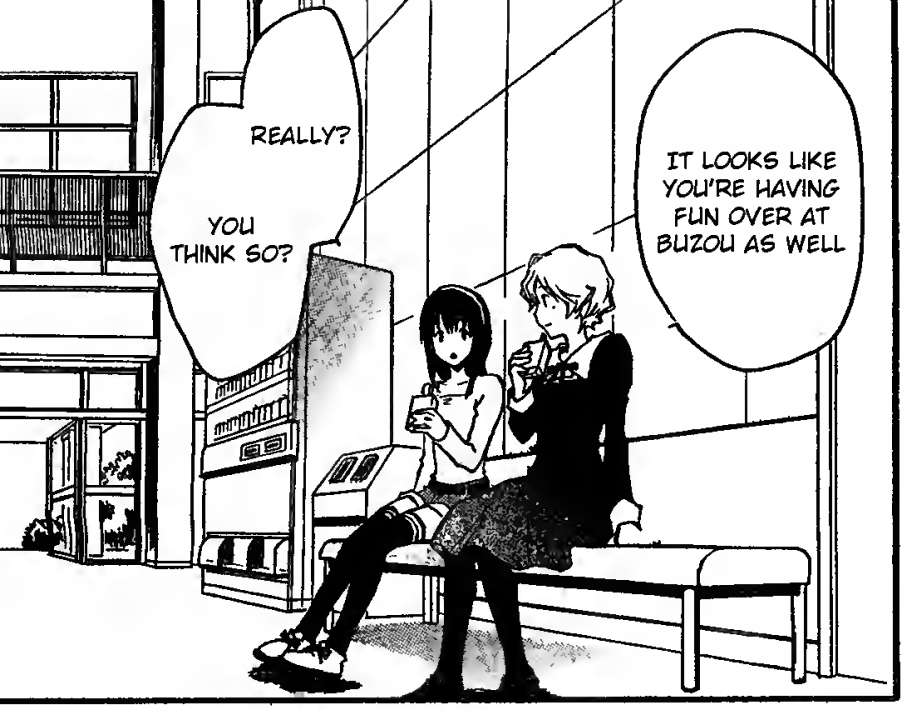
IF SOMEONE LIKE KOSHIYAMA WHO NATURALLY HOLDS A LOT OF KNOWLEDGE GETS INTO QUIZZES, THEN HE'LL DEFINITELY BECOME AN INCREDIBLY STRONG CONTENDER
HOWEVER, "STICKY QUESTIONS" ARE ONLY A PART OF THE MYRIAD OF QUIZ QUESTIONS

creak
!

SINCE I FORCED HIM INTO THIS, I HAVE TO PROPERLY TEACH HIM THE ROPES...!
YUKI-CCHI...
MARI-RIN...
grip

.....
パタン
YUKICCHI,
DO YOU HAVE FUN WITH QUIZZES?
...WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
'CAUSE, YOU ONLY
GOT INTO QUIZZES BECAUSE YOU WERE WITH ME, YUKICCHI...
.....

I'M HAVING FUN
AT LEAST, ENOUGH FOR ME TO JOIN THE QUIZ CLUB BY MYSELF!
YUKICCHI...
AI'M ZO HAPPY DAT WE CAN PLAY KWIZZES AGAIN, YOU KNOW
huhhh
WAIT...
YOU'RE HAPPY!?
SINCE YOU'RE SMARTER THAN ME, AND WENT OFF TO ASAGAOKA BY YOURSELF...
YOU DIDN'T GET IN BECAUSE YOU DID NOTHING BUT QUIZZES ALL DAY LONG, AND SKIPPED OUT ON STUDYING FOR THE ENTRANCE EXAM!
ACK
Y...YOU KNOW, YOU'VE BEEN STARING AT ME, SO MY FIRST THOUGHT WAS THAT YOU WERE LOOKING HOSTILELY AT ME AND GOT SCARED
I WASN'T LOOKING HOSTILELY
I WAS LOOKING AT A RIVAL


REALLY?
YOU THINK SO?
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE HAVING FUN OVER AT BUZOU AS WELL

---BUT,
NOW I'M ASSURED TOO
HUH?

UHH--- COOKING? NO WAY---
YOU KNOW HOW CLUMSY I AM---
AH, UH... THAT'S NOT IT...
HAVE YOU FOUND SOMETHING OTHER QUIZZES THAT YOU LIKE?
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CONSIDERING THAT YOU MADE LUNCH FOR SOMEONE ELSE!
I TOTALLY DO!

PRESIDENT SASAJIMA AND I ARE THE ONLY OFFICIAL MEMBERS
HUH? REALLY!?

...BUT I'M REALLY HAVING FUN TODAY,
BECAUSE OUR QUIZ GROUP WAS JUST FOUNDED AND STILL DOESN'T COMPETE YET...
いちご オレ

I...HAVE ALWAYS LOOKED UP TO HIGH SCHOOL QUIZ CLUBS, SO WHEN I LEARNED THAT BUZOU HIGH HAD A QUIZ GROUP, I WAS SO HAPPY
BECAUSE IT WAS MY DREAM TO PARTICIPATE IN MANY DIFFERENT QUIZ BOWLS...
AND PLAY IN FRONT A LARGE CROWD OF PEOPLE
I HOPE THAT KOSHIYAMA AND INOUE
GET INTERESTED IN QUIZZES THROUGH THIS QUIZ BOWL
...THAT'S RIGHT
WE DIDN'T GET ANY CHANCES AT COMPETING AT LARGE-SCALE EVENTS WHEN WE WERE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL
QUIZ
IT'S MORE FUN WITH OTHER PEOPLE
Girls
They're from other schools

ALL THANKS TO YOU, I HAD TONS OF FUN
ANYONE WOULD GET INFLUENCED BY YOU JUST BY BEING NEXT TO A QUIZ MANIAC LIKE YOU, MARI-RIN
"MA-
"MANIAC"
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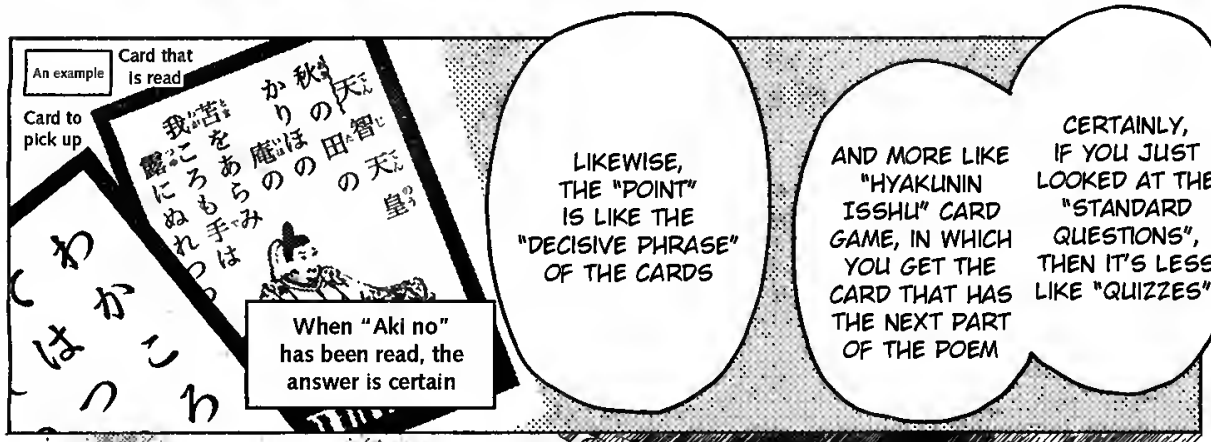
IT WAS JUST DIFFERENT FROM WHAT I IMAGINED...
UM...
THAT'S RIGHT ...
IT'S NOT EXACTLY...
DISAPPOINT-MENT

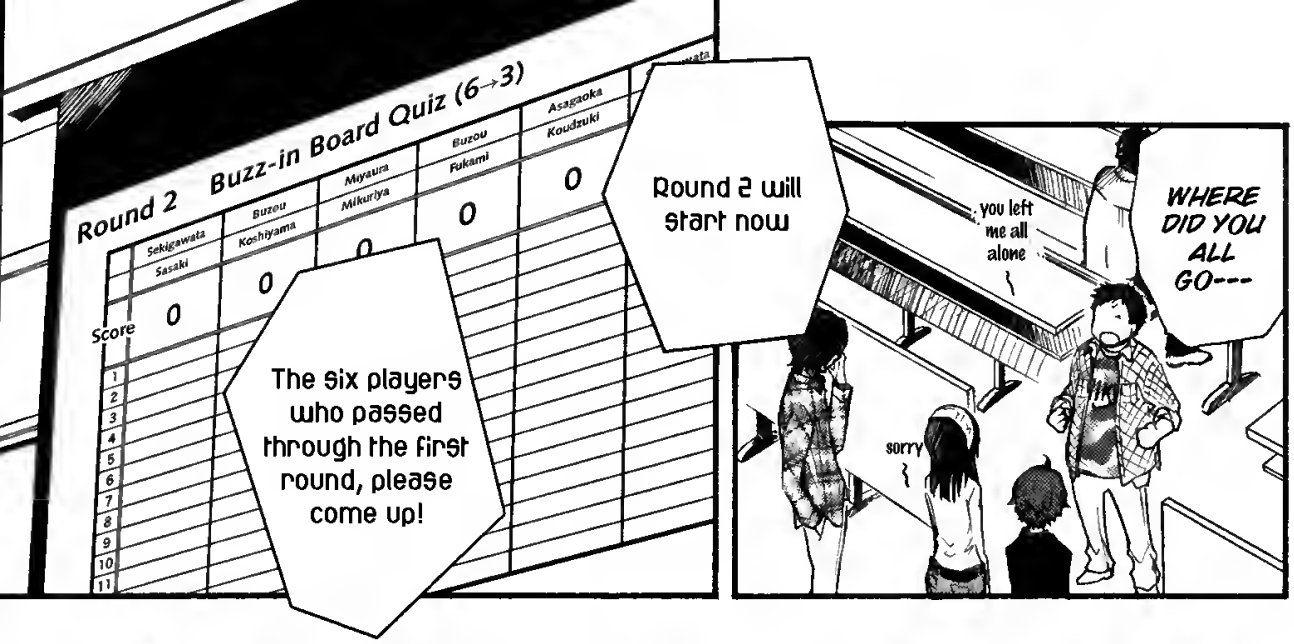

An example
Card that is read
Card to pick up
When "Aki no" has been read, the answer is certain
LIKEWISE, THE "POINT" IS LIKE THE "DECISIVE PHRASE" OF THE CARDS
AND MORE LIKE "HYAKUNIN ISSHU" CARD GAME, IN WHICH YOU GET THE CARD THAT HAS THE NEXT PART OF THE POEM
CERTAINLY, IF YOU JUST LOOKED AT THE "STANDARD QUESTIONS", THEN IT'S LESS LIKE "QUIZZES",

HOWEVER, THEY ARE DECIDEDLY DIFFERENT
STICKY QUESTIONS ARE NOT THE SAME 100 QUESTIONS

BUT EVERYONE WAS SO FAST AT PRESSING...
NO ONE KNOWS ALL OF THE STICKY QUESTIONS OUT THERE
THE DEFINITION OF "STICKY" AND "NON-STICKY" QUESTIONS CHANGE EVERY DAY... TENS OF THOUSANDS OF QUESTIONS GET RECLASSIFIED EVERY TIME

THERE ARE ALSO PEOPLE WHO DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT "STICKY QUESTIONS", AND CAN PRESS JUST FINE
WINNING IS ABOUT LUCK
IT'S INTEREST-ING BECAUSE NO ONE KNOWS WHAT WILL HAPPEN...
...I WOULDN'T SAY THAT
THIS EVENT IS FOR ENTER-TAINMENT PURPOSES, SO THE STICKY QUESTIONS ARE EASIER
...THEN I REALLY CAN'T PRESS AFTER ALL

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT ROUND AS WELL
"LOOKING FORWARD" ...
EVEN IF YOU TELL ME SOMETHING LIKE THAT...


Round 2 Buzz-in Board Quiz (6→3)
Sekigawata Sasaki
Buzou Koshiyama
Miyaura Mikuriya
Buzou Fukami
Asagaoka Koudzuki
Score
0
0
0
0
The six players who passed through the first round, please come up!
Round 2 will start now
WHERE DID YOU ALL GO---
you left me all alone
sorry

I WON'T LOSE!
ME NEITHER!

pat
ドキドキ

KOSHI-YAMA
LET'S DO OUR BEST!
PRESIDENT SASAJIMA...
...WHAT IS THIS
THESE PEOPLE...
Y... YEA
AND THIS TENSION...
The second round is the "buzz-in board"
The six players who passed through the first round get to play!
Out of them, only three will get to advance!!

Here are the rules!!

The "buzz-in board" quiz is a mix of the "buzz-in" quiz and "board" quiz

Buzzer

Board

When you know the answer, you can press the buzzer to stop the question, just like buzz-in quizzes

All 6 players answer the question, not just the person who buzzed in

Here's the question ---

Buzzer

Incorrect ±0 pt

Correct +3 pt

Correct +1 pt

Buzzer

Incorrect -3 pt

If the person who buzzed in gets it, he or she gets 3 points; those who didn't buzz in but got it right get 1 point

On the other hand, if the person who buzzed in gets it wrong, he or she loses 3 points. Those who didn't buzz in and got it wrong will not lose any points

SO BASICALLY... BUZZING IN IS HIGH RISK, HIGH RETURN

EVEN IF I DON'T PRESS, EVERYONE GETS TO ANSWER, SO IF I GET THEM ALL RIGHT, I'LL BE ABLE TO STEADILY BUILD UP POINTS

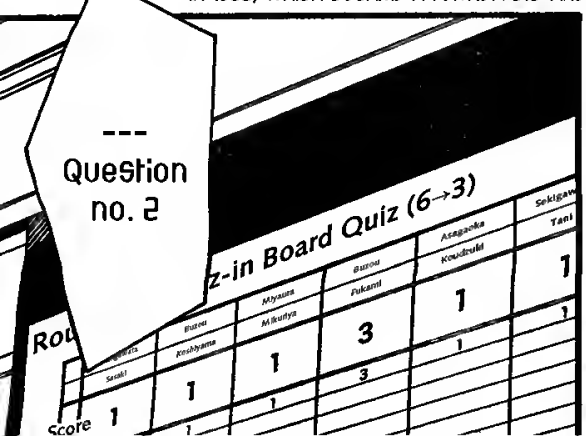
You're given 10 seconds to think

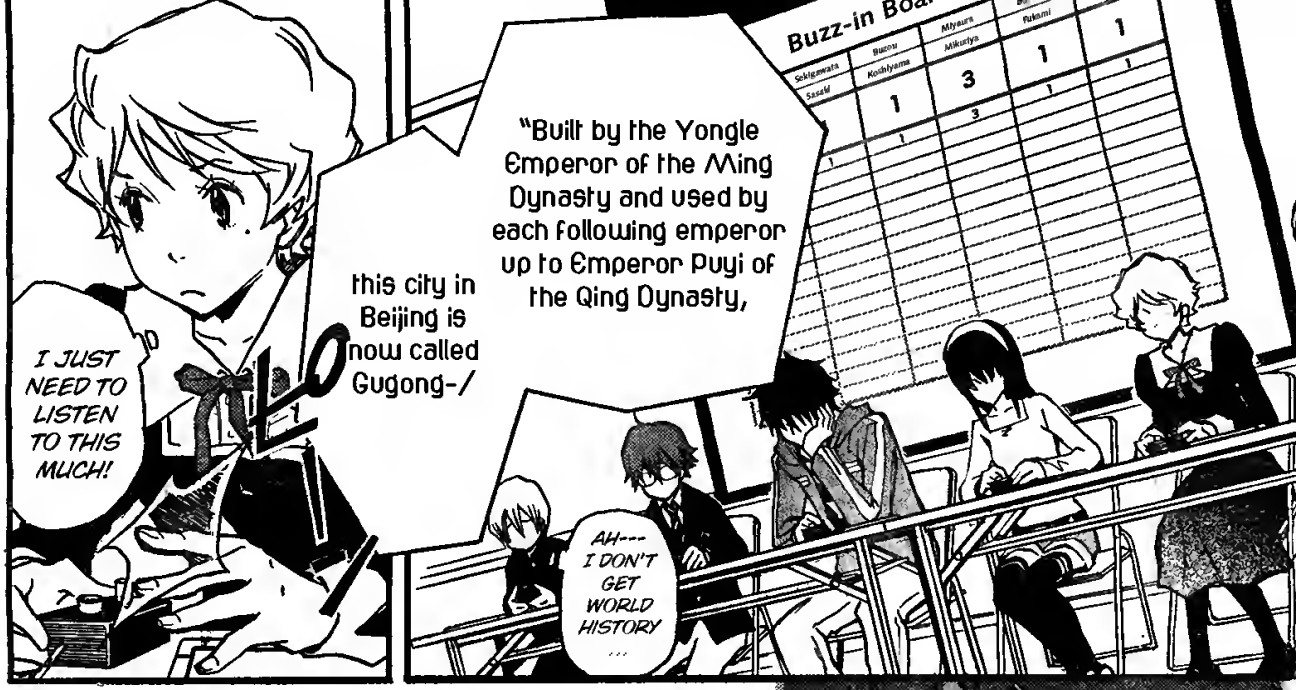
AH... I MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO THIS

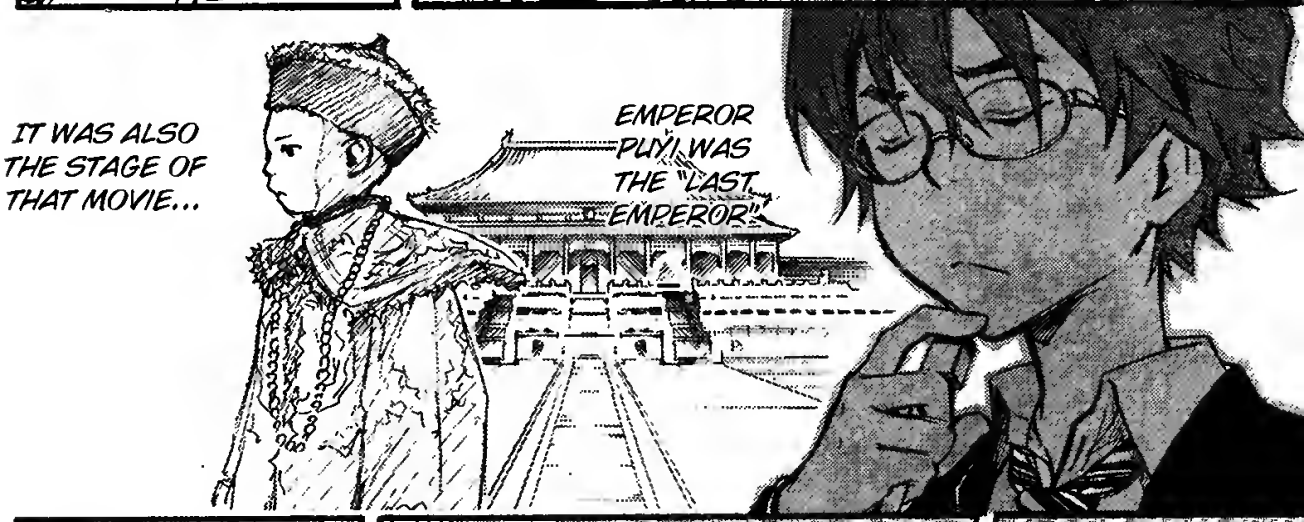
and I have 10 seconds

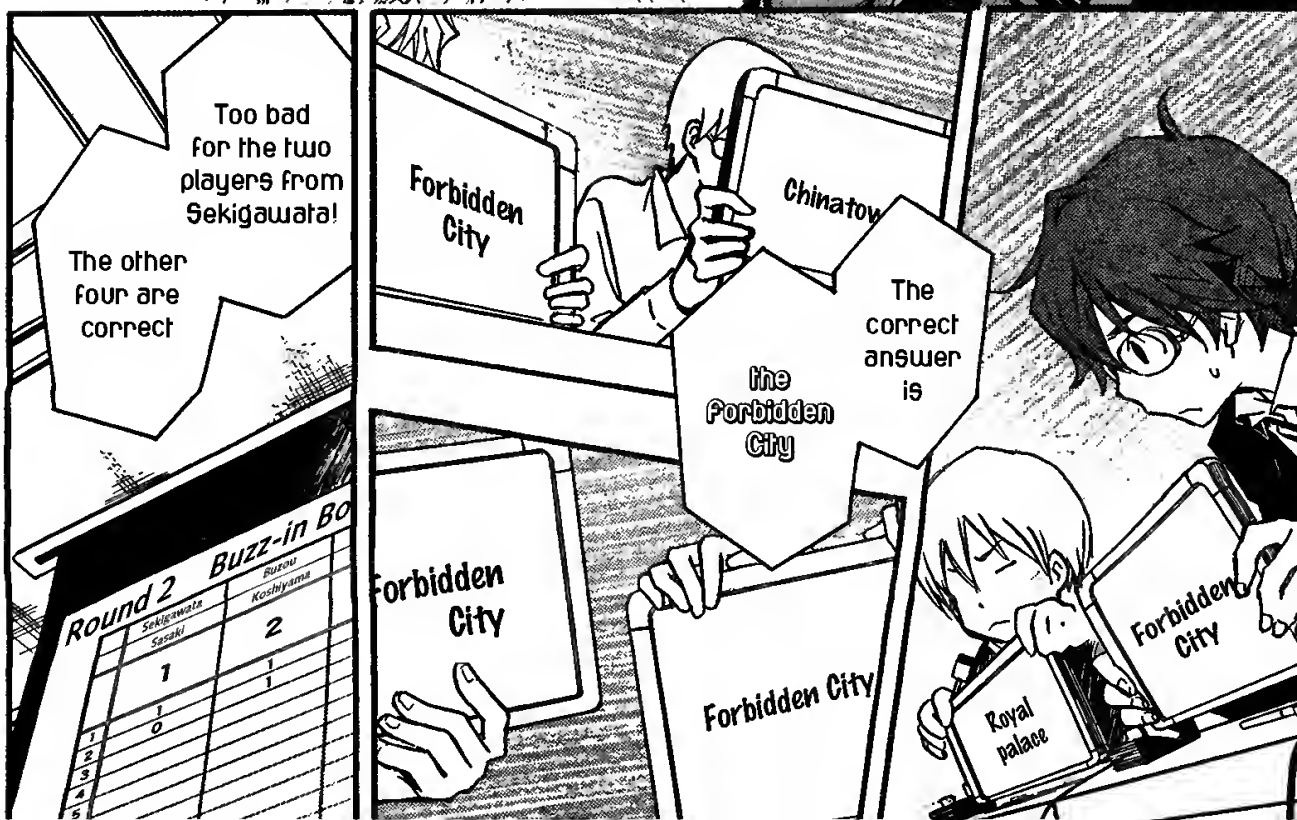
In the event of a tie---
but... I WONDER IF I COULD WIN WITH 15 POINTS...
The three who have the most points by the end of these 15 questions will advance
There are 15 questions
H...HE DID WELL THIS TIME
Then, please proceed with the button test...
Y...YES
"Used in knots such as the 'clover hitch', the 'figure-eight knot', and the 'Prusik', this rope used in mountaineering-/
---First question

SEIL = ROPE IN GERMAN. DEFECTIVE SEIL MADE FROM NYLON WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF A MOUNTAINEER IN 1955, WHICH BECAME A RATHER BIG AND DRAWN-OUT AFFAIR. SEE: HTTP://GOO.GL/NL3F7 (JP WIKI)



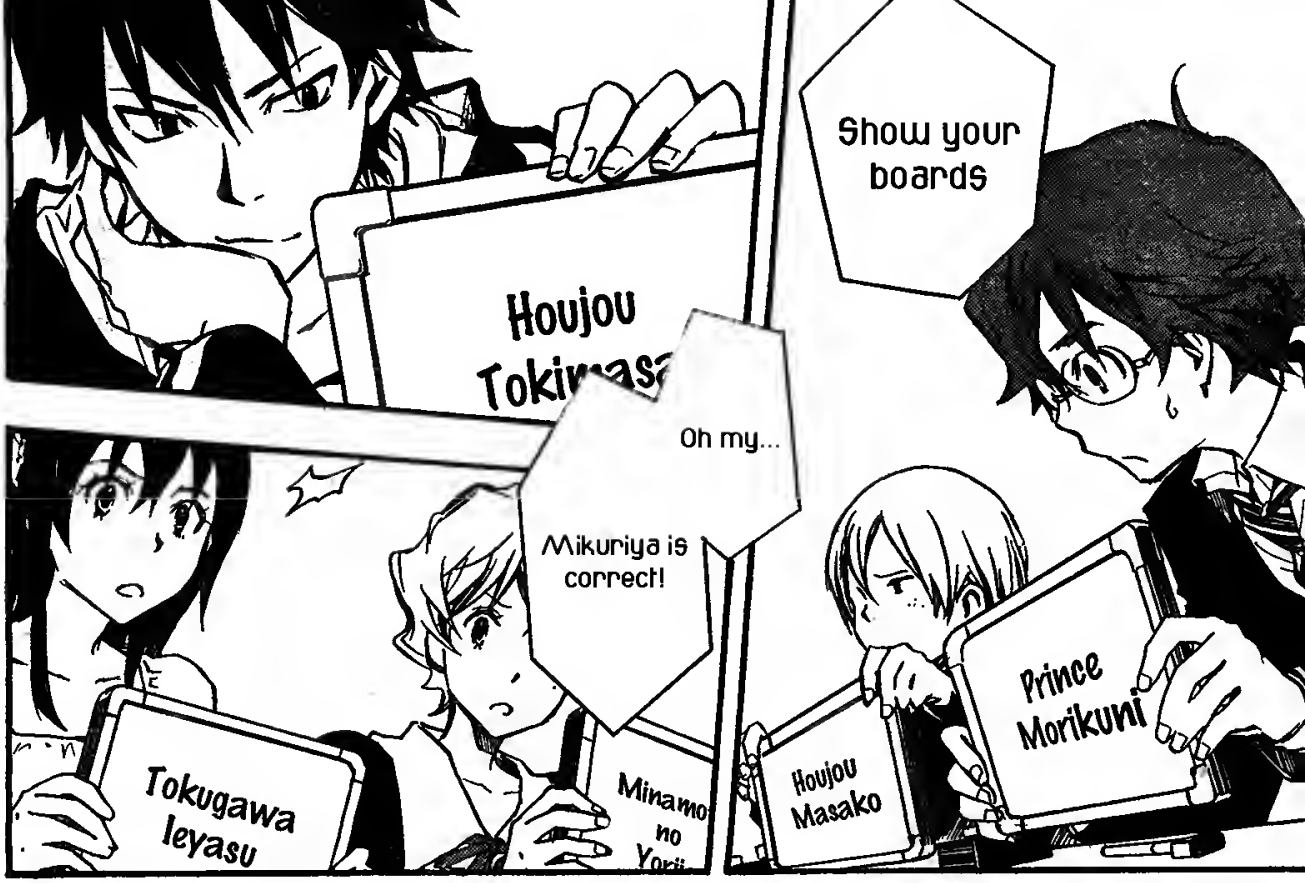

I JUST NEED TO LISTEN TO THIS MUCH!
this city in Beijing is now called Gugong-/
"Built by the Yongle Emperor of the Ming Dynasty and used by each following emperor up to Emperor Puyi of the Qing Dynasty,
AH--- I DON'T GET WORLD HISTORY ...
Buzz-in Board

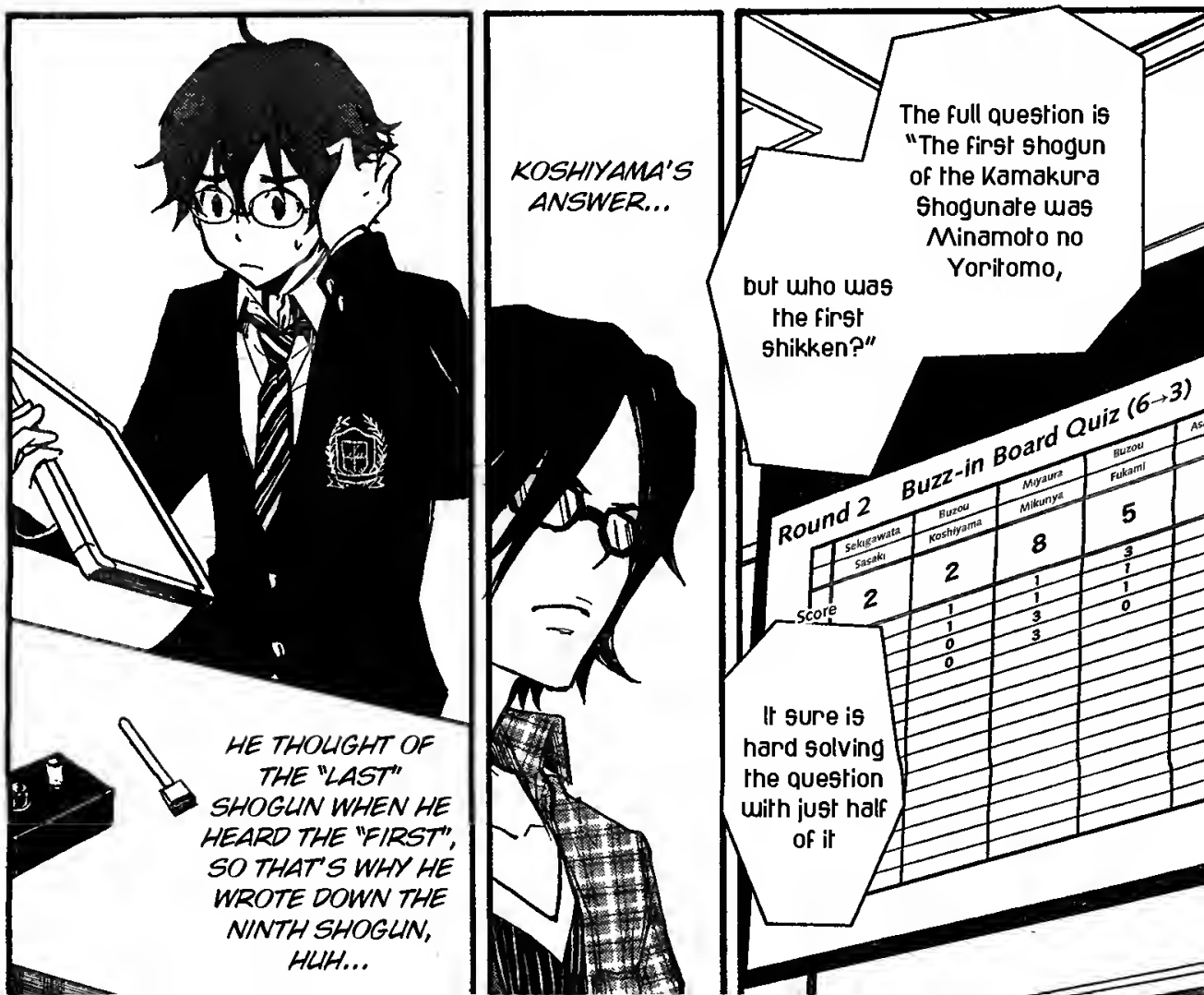

IT WAS ALSO THE STAGE OF THAT MOVIE...
EMPEROR PUYI WAS THE "LAST EMPEROR"


Too bad for the two players from Sekigawata!
The other four are correct
Round 2
Buzz-in Bo
Sekigawata
Sasaki
Ruzou
Koshiyama
Forbidden City
Chinatow
The correct answer is
the Forbidden City
Forbidden City
Forbidden City
Forbidden City
Royal palace

KOSHIYAMA IS REALLY GUTSY...
.....
YOU'VE GOT THE HANG OF THIS, KOSHIYAMA
IN BOARD QUIZZES, EVEN IF YOU DON'T KNOW STANDARD QUESTIONS, YOUR KNOWLEDGE CAN STILL COVER FOR YOU
Question no. 3
"The first recipient of the Naoki Prize was Matsutarou Kawaguchi, but-/
!?
WHY DID HE PRESS BEFORE THE CONFIRMATION POINT!?
NAOKI...
THERE GOES MIKURIYA
THERE HE GOES ...

Question no. 4
"The first shogun of the Kamakura Shogunate was Minamoto no Yoritomo, but-/
YOU'RE TOO FAST...!
I THOUGHT THAT IT WAS ABOUT THE SECOND RECIPIENT OF THE NAOKI PRIZE...
BUT HOW DID HE KNOW THAT IT'S ABOUT THE AKUTAGAWA PRIZE?
HE SHOULD BE MORE CAREFUL WHEN THERE'S A PENALTY FOR WRONG ANSWERS, AND YET...
IT'S JUST LIKE THAT EARLIER QUES-TIONS...
THE PENALTY FOR BUZZING IN AND GETTING THE ANSWER WRONG IS THREE POINTS
THANK GOODNESS THAT OUR QUESTION READER IS GOOD
CAN BE HEARD...
WHETHER THE ACCENT LEADING IN TO THE QUESTION IS ON "NAOKI PRIZE" OR "FIRST RECIPIENT"


Houjou Tokimasa
Show your boards
Oh my...
Mikuriya is correct!
Tokugawa Ieyasu
Minamoto no Yori
Houjou Masako
Prince Morikuni


KOSHIYAMA'S ANSWER...
The full question is "The first shogun of the Kamakura Shogunate was Minamoto no Yoritomo, but who was the first shikken?"
Round 2 Buzz-in Board Quiz (6→3)
Sekigawata Sasaki
Buzou Koshiyama
Miyaura Mikunya
Buzou Fukami
Score
2
2
8
5
It sure is hard solving the question with just half of it
HE THOUGHT OF THE "LAST" SHOGUN WHEN HE HEARD THE "FIRST", SO THAT'S WHY HE WROTE DOWN THE NINTH SHOGUN, HUH...

Basics

Answer:
Mt. Everest

what is the tallest mountain of the world?

emphasis

Mt. Fuji is the tallest mountain in Japan, but...

emphasis

what is the lowest mountain in Japan?

Answer:
Mt. Tenpou

IN A "PARALLEL QUESTION", THE HINT IN THE LEAD-IN TO THE QUESTION GETS CHANGED IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE QUESTION TO "SOMETHING ELSE THAT'S RELATED",

BUT WHEN THE QUESTION IS BEING READ, THAT HINT GETS EMPHASIZED

IT'S THE ACCENT

HOW DID HE KNOW THAT?

---AND HE HAS

THAT CHILDISH LACK OF MERCY FOR ANYONE, INCLUDING BEGINNERS...!

Usage

emphasis

The first shogun of the Kamakura Shogunate was Minamoto no Yoritomo,

but who was the first shikken?

Answer:
Houjou Tokimasa

SO MIKURIYA PREDICTED THAT IT WAS GOING TO BE ABOUT SOME OTHER "FIRST"

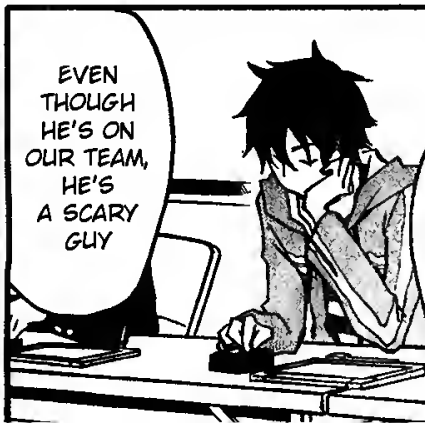
IN THE QUESTION JUST NOW, "SHOGUN" IN "FIRST SHOGUN" WAS EMPHASIZED,

WHEN TALKING ABOUT PARALLEL POSITIONS IN THE KAMAKURA SHOGUNATE, THE COMMON PATTERN IS THE "SHOGUN" AND THE "SHIKKEN"

EVEN THOUGH HE'S ON OUR TEAM, HE'S A SCARY GUY

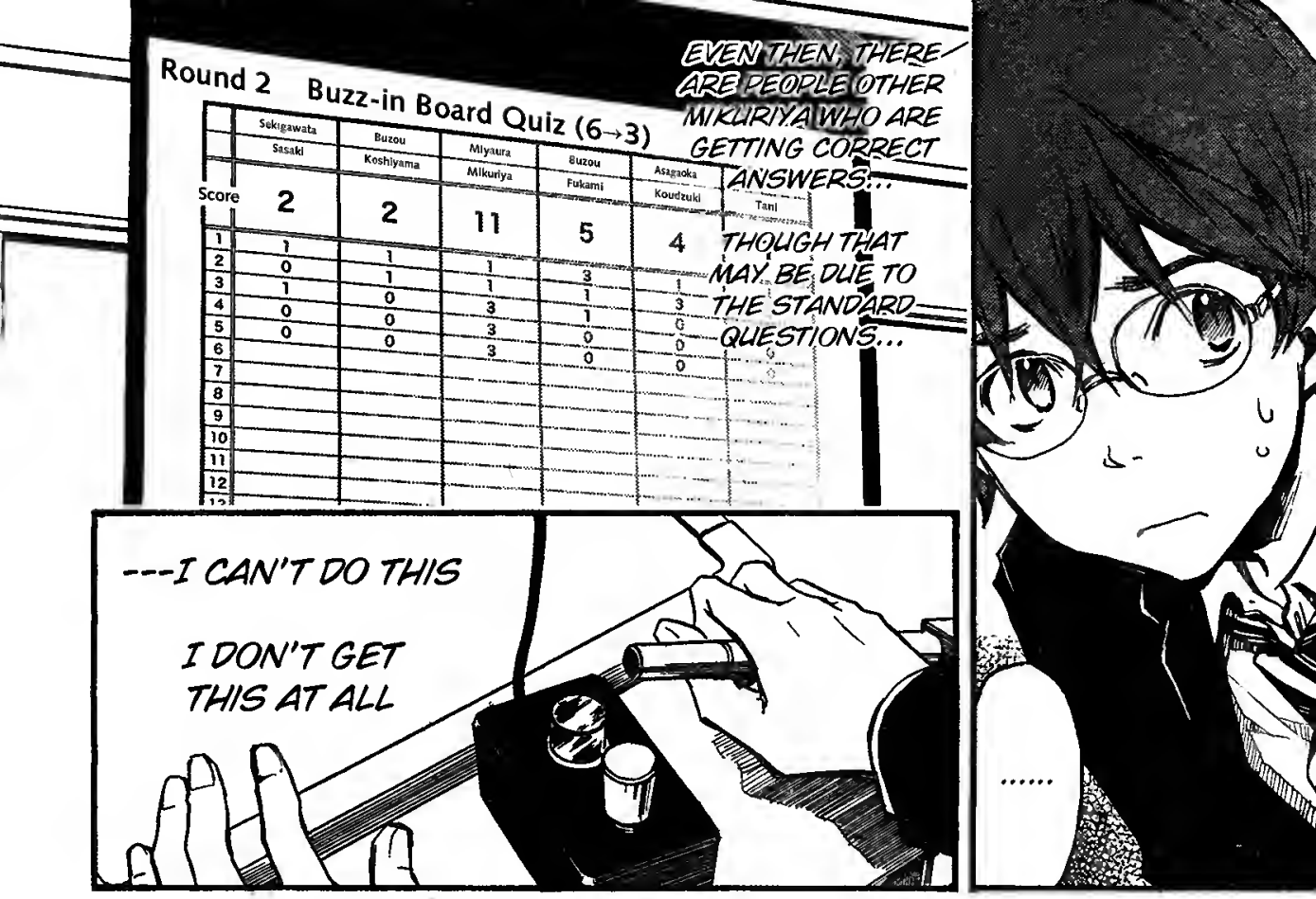
SO I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO BUZZ IN LIKE THAT...

WELL, I COULD ONLY GIVE YOU AN EXPLANATION AFTER HEARING THE FULL QUESTION,



NOT LETTING ANYONE ELSE HEAR THE QUESTION
IS ALSO A TACTIC, RIGHT?
Question no. 5
"Beethoven's Symphony No. 3 is titled 'Heroic', but..."
HUH !?
I DIDN'T GET WHERE THE ACCENT WAS ON...
DID I MISS IT!?
UHHH...
"BEETHOVEN", "SYMPHONY", AND "NO. 3"; ALL OF THEM COULD CHANGE...

Napole
ASSUMING THAT ALL "____BUT" QUESTIONS ARE "PARALLEL QUESTIONS",
IS A BIG MISTAKE
---who is the 'hero'?"
The right answer is Napoleon!
WOAH...
I KNEW THE ANSWER... BUT I CAN'T PREDICT THE QUESTION...
I SEE...SO THAT WAS JUST A LEAD-IN TO THE VERY END... IT WAS READ SMOOTHLY WITHOUT ANY EMPHASIS!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Buzou Koshiyama
Miyaura Mikuriya
Buzou Fukami
Asagaoka Koudzuki
Tani
Score 2 2 11 5 4
EVEN THEN, THERE ARE PEOPLE OTHER MIKURIYA WHO ARE GETTING CORRECT ANSWERS...
THOUGH THAT MAY BE DUE TO THE STANDARD QUESTIONS...
---I CAN'T DO THIS
I DON'T GET THIS AT ALL
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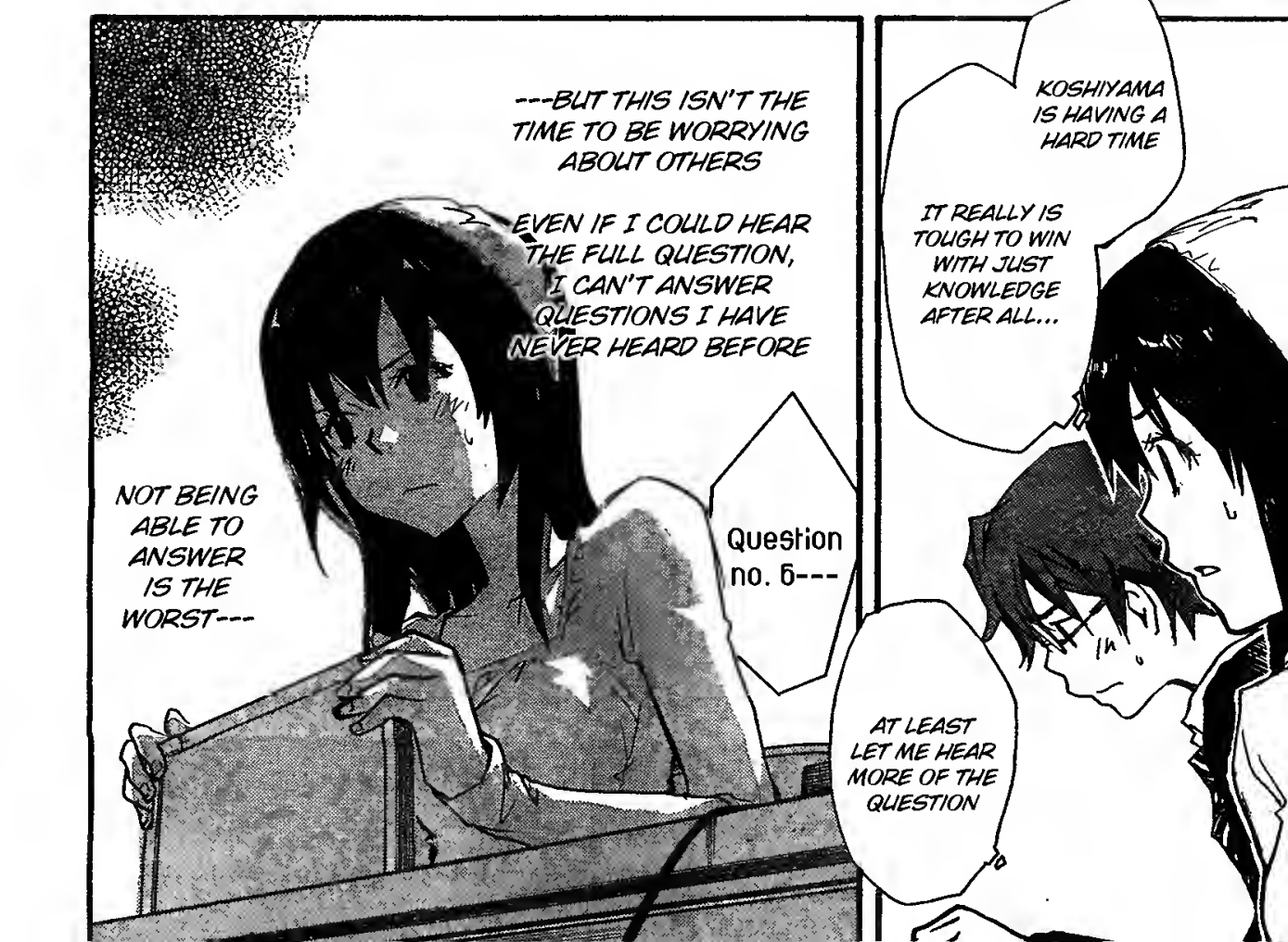
---BUT THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE WORRYING ABOUT OTHERS
EVEN IF I COULD HEAR THE FULL QUESTION, I CAN'T ANSWER QUESTIONS I HAVE NEVER HEARD BEFORE
NOT BEING ABLE TO ANSWER IS THE WORST---
Question no. 6---
KOSHIYAMA IS HAVING A HARD TIME
IT REALLY IS TOUGH TO WIN WITH JUST KNOWLEDGE AFTER ALL...
AT LEAST LET ME HEAR MORE OF THE QUESTION

HAVE BEEN VERY CLOSE
...BUT, FOR A WHILE NOW, THIS GUY'S ANSWERS
Round 2 Buzz-in Board Quiz
Sekigawata Sasaki
Buzou Koshiyama
Miyaura Mikuriya
Score 3 2 14
I SHOULD GIVE THE OTHERS A CHANCE
THEY'RE ALREADY SO FAR BEHIND

OH, THAT 7TH GRADER IS GOING FOR THE GOLD

STICKY QUES-TION...

I CAN'T WIN IF THINGS GO ON LIKE THIS
Question no. 7---
"Leaving behind works such as 'Giant's Bread-/

I SEE... THIS MUST BE IT!
Show your boards!
WAIT
IF THEY USED THE ROMANCE NOVEL "GIANT'S BREAD" ON PURPOSE...
"GIANT'S BREAD" IS BY THE FAMOUS MYSTERY WRITER AGATHA CHRISTIE
No answer
I wanna go home already
.....
Agatha
Agatha Christie
HUH!?
Agatha
Agatha Christie
HUH!?
Agatha Christie

...NO WAY
Mary Westmacott
!?
...Mary Westmacott
Agatha Christie
Agatha Christie
HUH...
...THIS GUY REALLY CAN...
The right answer is...
Agatha Christie!
Mary Westmacott
BUT I WAS SO CONFIDENT!!
grin

Uh---
The question was
"Leaving behind works such as 'Giant's Bread', who is the mystery writer who created Hercule Poirot?"
Mary Westmacott
WASN'T "GIANT'S BREAD" PUBLISHED UNDER AGATHA CHRISTIE'S PEN NAME MARY WESTMACOTT!?
I SEE...
...WHAT COULD THIS FEELING BE?
I'VE NEVER FELT THIS BEFORE...

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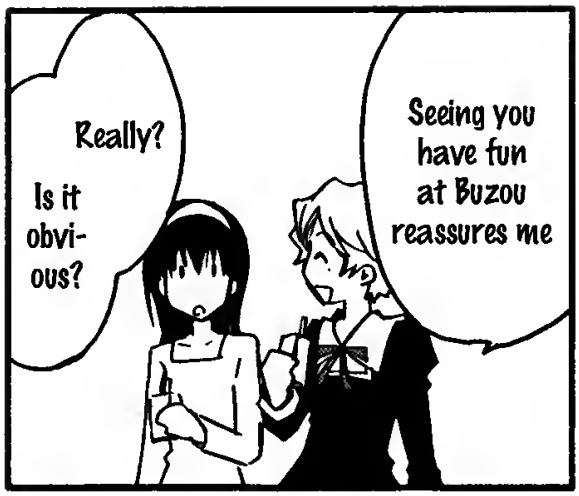
Really?
Is it obvi-ous?
Seeing you have fun at Buzou reassures me

?

Have you stopped play-ing quizzes all the time?
Have you been eating lunch with everyone?
Hey... have you been making friends?
Ahh, I'm so worried...
Should I have gone to Buzou with her?
?